

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2, 4-11, 13, and 15, have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

On January 11, 2005, Applicants submitted an IDS, and respectfully request that the Examiner return with the next Office Action an initialed copy of the PTO form-1449 as submitted therewith.

Drawings

The Examiner asserted that Fig. 8 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a replacement drawing sheet, wherein Fig. 8 has been labeled as --Prior Art--. No new matter has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 12, and 14, under §102 (b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,737,772 to Tanaka et al. (hereinafter Tanaka). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because Tanaka fails to disclose all of the elements as set forth and arranged in the claims.

Claim 1 sets forth an electric rotating machine, wherein a lead wire is connected to a three-phase output terminal through a single metallic terminal. By way of non-limiting example, as shown in Fig. 1, one embodiment consistent with that set forth in claim 1 is an electric rotating machine, wherein a lead wire 10 is connected to a three-phase output terminal 8 through a single metallic terminal 11. As a result of this arrangement, not only cost and manufacturing processes

but also resistance is reduced, and therefore output and efficiency are improved. See, for example, page 2, 3rd full paragraph.

In contrast to that set forth in claim 1, Tanaka discloses a lead wire that is connected to a three-phase output terminal via multiple metallic connectors. Specifically, with respect to Figs. 15 and 16, a lead wire 26 is connected to an output terminal 36 via a metallic connector 27, a metallic mounting seat 39a, and a connecting terminal 35b. See, for example, Tanaka at: col. 2, lines 12-18; col. 2, line 64 - col. 3, line 3; and col. 3, lines 22-50. Thus, in this embodiment, there are at least three metallic terminals for connecting each of the lead wires 26 to the output terminal 36. Similarly, in the other embodiments, at least metallic terminals 39, and 35 connect each of the lead wires 60 (40) to output terminal 36. See, for example, Fig. 4, and col. 4, lines 1-35. Accordingly, Tanaka fails to disclose an electric rotating machine, wherein a lead wire is connected to a three-phase output terminal through a single metallic terminal, as set forth in claim 1.

For at least any of the above reasons, Tanaka fails to anticipate claim 1. Likewise, this reference fails to anticipate dependent claims 3, 12, and 14.

Conclusion

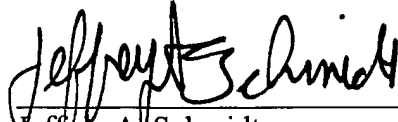
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 8 has been labeled as --Prior Art--

Attachment: One Replacement Drawing Sheet (including Fig. 8)